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LETTER DATED 23 APRIL 1990 FROM THE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT TRANSMITTING A REPORT ENTITLED "VERIFICATION METHODS, HANDLING, AND ASSESSMENT OF UNUSUAL EVENTS IN RELATION TO ALLEGATIONS OF THE USE OF NOVEL CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS" 1/

In his plenary statement of 24 April to the Conference on Disarmament, Ambassador Shannon announced that the Canadian delegation would make available to delegations a report entitled "Verification methods, handling, and assessment of unusual events in relation to allegations of the use of novel chemical warfare agents" prepared by Dr. Bruno Schiefer of the University of Saskatchewan. This report develops a methodology for the examination of allegations of use of novel chemical weapons agents. While the views contained in the paper are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Canadian Government, it is being submitted to the Conference on Disarmament in the belief that it might prove useful in discussions relating to novel chemical weapons agents during the ongoing negotiations on the Chemical Weapons Convention.

I should be grateful if the necessary arrangements could be made for the distribution of this document to the members of the Conference on Disarmament.

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to the Conference on
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